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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CASC, ET, CA

SUBJECT: TENNECO CASE

REF: STATE 135897

WE BELIEVE THAT GOC WOULD WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSE SUGGESTION IN
REFTEL TO ASK ICRC TO UNDERTAKE MISSION TO ELF DETENTION
AREA. CANADIAN OFFICIALS, LIKE, WE ASSUME, THEIR US COUNTER-
PARTS, ARE INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED BY TENNECO EXERCISE.
CANADIAN EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA AND EXTAFF HERE HAVE LITTLE
CONFIDENCE IN TENNECO'S HANDLING OF NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE
PREPARED TO URGE THE IEG TO ACKNOWLEDGE ITS RESPONSIBILITY
FOR HOSTAGES AND DO SOMETHING TOWARD THEIR RELEASE, CANADIAN
OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD EMBASSY OF THEIR HESITATION TO ASK IEG
TO DO SOMETHING GOC WOULD ALMOST SURELY REFUSE TO DO
IN SIMILAR CASE: I.E. PAY RANSOM OR RELEASE PRISONERS.
APPROACH TO ICRC MIGHT OFFER WAY OUT OF IMPASSE,
HOWEVER REMOTE. IT FURTHER WOULD PROVIDE EVIDENCE
THAT SOMETHING WAS BEING DONE TO HELP HOSTAGES. EXTAFF
CONTINUES SENSITIVE TO CHARGES THAT CANADIAN OFFICIALS
DO NOT DO ENOUGH FOR CANADIANS ABROAD, WITH THIS SENSITIVITY
BEING ACUTE DURING THE PRESENT NATIONAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN.
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